

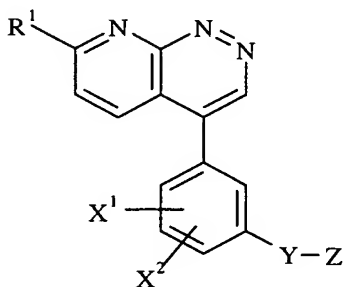
## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice and insert therefore new Claims 11-19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

$X^1$  represents hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, trifluoromethyl or  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy;

$X^2$  represents hydrogen or halogen;

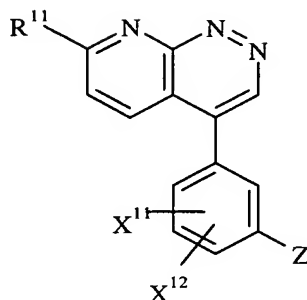
Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

$R^1$  represents hydrogen, hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro,  $-OR^a$ ,  $-SR^a$ ,  $-SOR^a$ ,  $-SO_2R^a$ ,  $-SO_2NR^aR^b$ ,  $-NR^aR^b$ ,  $-NR^aCOR^b$ ,  $-NR^aCO_2R^b$ ,  $-COR^a$ ,  $-CO_2R^a$ ,  $-CONR^aR^b$  or  $-CR^a=NOR^b$ ; and

$R^a$  and  $R^b$  independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

12. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIA:



(IIA)

wherein:

X<sup>11</sup> represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

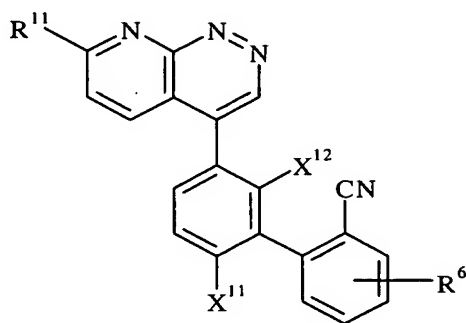
X<sup>12</sup> represents hydrogen or fluoro;

R<sup>11</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, halo(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, dihalo(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, dihydroxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, cyano(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, formyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkyl carbonyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl or -CR<sup>4</sup>=NOR<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; and

R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl.

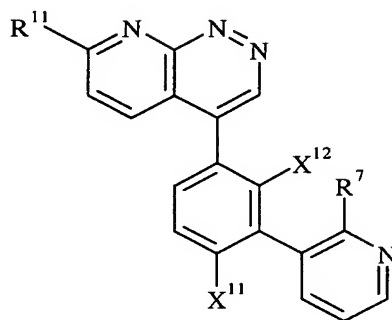
13. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIB:



(IIB)

wherein  $R^6$  represents hydrogen or fluoro.

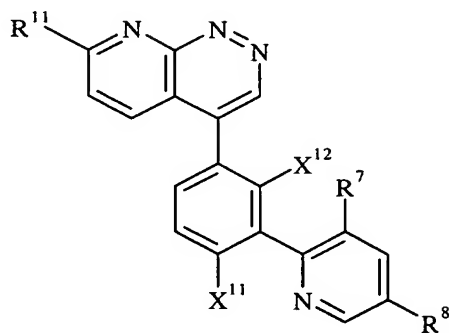
14. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIC:



(IIC)

wherein  $R^7$  represents hydrogen, fluoro, cyano or methyl.

15. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IID:



(IID)

wherein  $R^8$  represents hydrogen or fluoro.

16. (new) A compound which is 2'-fluoro-5'-(7-trifluoromethylpyrido[2,3-c]pyridazin-4-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claims 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

18. (new) A method for the treatment of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (new) A method for the prevention of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such prevention an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.